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Paragon Outlets Livermore Grand Opening November 8, 2012

On November 8, Paragon Outlets Livermore will open 120 premium factory outlet over including Bloomingdale's Outlet, Barneys New York Outlet, Banana Republic Factory Store, Brooks Brothers Store, Columbia Sportswear, Factory Outlet, J.Crew, Michael Kors, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH, Tommy Hilfiger, True Religion Brand Jeans and many more in a modern, walkable, retail center. The Outlets Mall is located at the southeast corner of El Charro Road and Interstate 580, where the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin meet. With easy

freeway access, ample parking, and amenities that include miles of adjacent multi-use trails and a future public park, Paragon Outlets Livermore is poised to become vibrant shopping destination.

A pedestrian concourse links open-air and sheltered shopping spaces with outdoor plazas, courtyards, and fountains. A food court, flanked on each side by plazas furnished with outdoor umbrella tables and chairs, will serve as a focal point for dining and relaxation.



Paragon Outlets Livermore will create significant benefits to the community through job creation and increased economic activity. The outlet stores are expected to hire approximately 2,000 workers by October 2012. New revenue from the development will help fund citywide services such as public safety, street improvements and public landscape maintenance. Because retailers quickly filled the Paragon Outlets Livermore, planning is underway for a 192,000 square foot expansion. The expansion, slated to start construction in the first half of 2013, will add four additional buildings on the east side of

> the Outlets. widening of El Charro Road and the extension of Jack London Boulevard to El Charro Road improve regional connections and access to Livermore's

historic downtown and renowned wine country. Paragon Outlets Livermore brings to the region over 100 national further enhance brands to regional shopping more opportunities. For information visit www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/ed/paragon_outlets.

2012 Election Ballot Measure

At its July 23rd meeting, the City Council placed a measure on the November 2012 ballot regarding a change in the timing of Livermore Council/Mayoral elections from odd to even-numbered years to be in alianment with other local Alameda Elections. The switch would result in a budget savings of \$250,000 each election to the City and possible the changes the terms for present officials. Registered voters will receive details about this and other ballot measures in their Voter Information Guide from the County.

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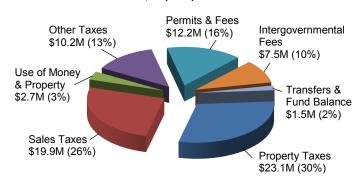
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City Budget Update

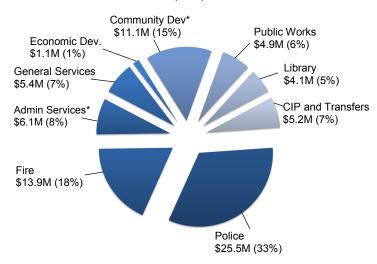
The City's new FY 2012-2014 financial plan has been redesigned to make reading and understanding the City's budget easier than ever. The budget reflects Livermore's continuing economic recovery with cautious optimism about its financial future. For the past two years, City Departments have been diligent in curbing spending, proposing reductions, and prioritizing critical services. The FY 2012-2014 plan bolsters public safety levels of service to the residents of Livermore by adding seven officers. Over twenty positions in other departments have been eliminated, and certain activities such as vehicle fleet replacement, capital improvement projects, and the post-employee benefits trust fund remain underfunded. The plan also reflects the City Council's goals and input from Livermore residents via the February 2012 "Penny for Your Thoughts" budget workshop and online survey.

Like nearly every California city, Livermore's local economy suffered during the 2009 economic recession. Sales and property tax revenues quickly declined while employee costs climbed. Although the slide into the recession was sharp, recovery will be much slower than seen in prior downturns. However, the upcoming opening of Paragon Outlets Livermore, expenditure contributions by employee groups and an improving housing market all provide optimism about the City's economic future. The accompanying charts and tables provide a brief glimpse into the budget. An electronic copy of the entire FY 2012-2014 financial plan, with links to go directly to certain sections, is available on the City's webpage. Visit www.cityoflivermore.net. Click on "Finance Department" and then "Financial Reports".

Where Does the Money Come From? FY 2012-2014 General Fund Revenues & Other Resources \$77,323,420



Where Does the Money Go? FY 2012-2014 General Fund Expenditures \$77,323,420



*Community Development includes Planning, Building, Engineering and Housing & Human Services. Administrative Services includes Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.



Measure B Projects - Your Tax Dollars at Work

Measure B is Alameda County's half-cent transportation sales tax. Administered by the Alameda County Commission, Measure B was originally approved in 1986 and reauthorized by voters in November 2000. Funds support design and construction of transportation improvements that are essential to the City of Livermore. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Measure B projects included: Street Pavement Rehabilitation (\$210,000); Bike and Pedestrian Trails (\$242,500); Sidewalk Repair & Curb Ramps (\$90,000); and Traffic Signal Improvements (\$3,000). Trail improvement projects included the

Arroyo Mocho Trail and Iron Horse Regional Trail. Local street improvements included pavement slurry seal and asphalt overlay treatments and arterial roadway reconstruction. These projects are essential in addressing today's transportation problems and future needs. For more information visit the Alameda County Transportation Commission website at www.actia2022.com or the City's website at www.cityoflivermore.net.

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Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a 20-year plan that serves as a blueprint for future public projects. The CIP differs from the City's Operating Budget because it involves property acquisition, public works and infrastructure improvements, construction of public buildings, and purchase of capital equipment. The City Council reviews and updates the CIP every two years and, as needed, re-establishes capital projects priorities. Below are major highlights of the new \$141.5 million CIP for Fiscal Years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

Transportation Infrastructure:

- El Charro Specific Plan Infrastructure Project
- BART to Livermore Extension along Highway I-580
- East Vineyard Avenue Realignment
- Northfront Road Widening (Toyota Development)

Public Buildings/Airport:

- · New Airport Administration Building
- · Airport Rehabilitation and Maintenance
- South Hangar Fire Sprinkler System Retrofit

Municipal Utilities:

- Upgrade Water Reclamation Plant Electrical Distribution System
- Water Reclamation Plant Solids Expansion
- Water Reclamation Plant Aeration Tank Modifications

Street Maintenance/Traffic Control/Trails:

- Annual Street Resurfacing/Slurry Seal Programs
- Annual Sidewalk Repair Program and ADA Access Ramps
- Traffic Signal Reconstruction and Master Traffic Signal Control System Upgrades

Most of the CIP funding is from non-General Fund sources such as developer/outside agency contributions, grants, user fees (gas taxes, Measure B, airport, water, sewer and solid waste & recycling) and local development impact fees. Although the City of Livermore's infrastructure is currently in an acceptable condition, under funding of infrastructure repair and maintenance over many decades has resulted in a current backlog of deferred maintenance totaling over \$244 million.

City Council Goals & Strategic Priorities 2012-2014

Encourage Business & Expand Revenue Base: Create jobs to increase the tax base by retaining existing businesses and recruiting new businesses.

Budget and Long-Term Financial Stability: Implement sound financial practices to sustain the City's long-term financial viability.

Regional and Local Transportation: Improve regional transportation systems to decrease traffic congestion, reduce greenhouse gasses and increase mobility.

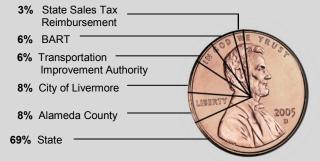
Community Engagement: Explore and expand public information tools to further strengthen community connections and engage residents.

Quality of Life: Provide programs and services that enhance the quality of life for Livermore residents.



Where does your Sales Tax Dollar go?

For every dollar spent, an additional 8.75ϕ is added as sales tax. Where it goes is listed below:





Around Town

Community State of the City Town Hall Meeting Residents are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting at the Civic Center Library Community Room at 6:45pm on August 30th. Mayor John Marchand will present his State of the City Address. The Mayor and City staff will be available to answer questions immediately following the presentation. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (925) 960-4040 or visit www.cityoflivermore.net.

NextDoor - Need a babysitter or a specialized garden tool? Check with your neighbors via NextDoor. NextDoor is a social media product that allows residents from defined neighborhoods to communicate with each other. This free and private social network connects neighbors and helps build a sense of community. Livermore will launch the system in early Fall 2012 in collaboration with its Neighborhood Watch Program. For more information call (925) 371-4978.

Adopt A Creek Spot - Volunteers are needed on Saturday, September 15th from 9:00am-12:00pm to help clean up creeks on Tri-Valley Creeks to Bay Day. This event is part of Coastal Cleanup Day, a statewide and international effort to clean trash and debris from beaches, bays, creeks, rivers, and lakes. Clean up sites include Arroyo Mocho, Arroyo Las Positas, and Arroyo Seco. Due to limited space, please pre-register at www.TriValleyCreeks.org or call (925) 960-8143.

New at the Library - The Library's new services are listed below. Call (925) 373-5505 for details or visit the Virtual Library at www.livermorelibrary.net.

- Discover & Go Get free passes to Bay Area museums.
- ShoutBomb Library account notices via text message.
- Novelist Find recommendations for a good book.
- Consumer Reports Research purchases at home.

Mark Your Calendars

Livermore Airport Open House - Sat., Oct. 6, 10am - 4pm Sponsor: City of Livermore Public Works Department Information: (925) 373-5280 or www.cityoflivermore.net

Downtown Halloween Carnival - Sat., Oct. 27, 1pm - 5pm

Sponsor: Livermore Downtown, Inc.

Information: (925) 373-1795 or www.livermoredowntown.com

Holiday Sights & Sounds Parade - Sat., Dec. 1, 6pm

Sponsor: Livermore Downtown, Inc.

Information: (925) 373-1795 or www.livermoredowntown.com

For more events, visit www.cityoflivermore.net

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